



## Gail Leon Francis

April 5, 1925 - October 15, 2006

Gail L. Francis, 81, of 161 Griffith Street, Fond du Lac, died Sunday, October 15, 2006, at St. Agnes Hospital. He was born on April 5, 1925, in Fond du Lac, a son of Samuel and Hattie Rueckert Francis. Gail served with the United States Army Air Corps from May 1943 until February 1946 during World War II and again during the Korean Conflict from October 1950 until October 1951. On June 11, 1949, he married Marcella Maske at Division Street Methodist Church with the Rev. Ben Plopper officiating. Gail was a carman with the Soo Line Railroad from 1945 until his retirement in 1985. He was a former member on the board of directors of the Soo Line Credit Union for 25 years and was also a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen Lodge 6653. He was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church. Gail enjoyed woodworking and carpentry. He had a love for baseball and football. He is survived by his wife, Marcella, and a sister, Charlene (Bob) Lotzer of Marshfield, Wisconsin. Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant son, Craig and an infant daughter, Julie; two sisters: Froan Tobin and Alice Black; two brothers: Lowell Francis and Serl Francis. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at Covenant United Methodist Church with the Rev. Paul Armstrong officiating. Burial will follow in Rienzi Cemetery. The visitation will take place on Thursday at church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be directed to Covenant United Methodist Church. Mach Funeral Chapel is serving the family. Additional information and guest book is available at [www.machfuneralchapel.com](http://www.machfuneralchapel.com).



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